



Merrick County Board Minutes



October 22, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 9:04 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Hahn, Jefferson, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert present.. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:04 a.m.

Moved Jefferson, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve minutes for October 8, 2013 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes, Graves, Kucera, Hahn, Helgoth, Wiegert, Jefferson. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller

Meetings Report: Hahn attended the Housing Authority meeting last Thursday in Loup City. Graves had a conference call with NIRMA on claims and Safety Committee meeting. Helgoth went to the Central Community Service meeting in Loup City and on Monday evening Weller attended the Mid Plains meeting.

Official Report: County Attorney Homolka attended the Protect Our Children conference in Omaha last week that is funded by the Child Advocacy Center through the US Attorneys office. She also was in attendance at the Safety Committee meeting at the courthouse October 8. The Safety board discussed some upgrades to the camera equipment in the courthouse. Homolka contacted ADT who looked at the current equipment and they are to prepare an estimate for upgrades to the system. This estimate will then be used to apply for a grant through NIRMA which is due November 1.

Garage on Morning Star Lake: Jim Luethje stated to the board that he has a cabin on Morning Star Lake and would like to add an unattached garage to the property. The current ground level is 1 ½ ft below flood plane, which the cabin is grandfathered in. Hwy Superintendent Meyers said that in order to construct an unattached garage he would have to add 2 ½ ft of additional dirt to get the garage floor a foot above what he needs to be in accordance with FEMA. This is not only a county, but a state and federal regulation. Homolka told Luethje that if it isn't an attached garage there is no way to get around it.

Conservation Easement referral: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Jen Myers came before the board to request a Conservation Easement referral to the Planning Commission for their comment. The property involved is for the S1/2N1/2SE1/4 in 27-14-8 by John Schutz & M.H. Shortridge in order to maintain ownership so there will be no future development on the property and remain grassland. Moved Weller, second Hahn to have a Conservation Easement referral sent to the Planning Commission for their comment on the S1/2N1/2SE ¼ of 27-14-8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Vehicle trade for Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Campbell told the board he was getting ready to trade in the 2007 Impala which has approximately 142,000-145,000 miles and he found a 2006 Dodge Durango 4X4 with 63,000 miles. The Blue Book on the Durango is between \$10,500-\$10,900. The asking price was \$9500, but Campbell did get them to sell for \$8500 with also a \$2000 trade in. The final price would be \$6782. The Chief Deputy would drive the Durango and also use to carry equipment possibly in a couple of years if /when the K9 would be instilled; this would be a good vehicle for that as well.

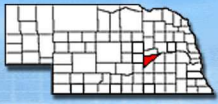
Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve Sheriff Campbell to trade the 2007 Impala for the 2006 Dodge Durango 4X4. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Custodial/Lawn Care: Denny O'Nele came before the board and stated the doctor said he could start operating the lawnmower and start back to work with limited restrictions. Such as no overhead reaching and lifting restrictions of 25-35 lbs. Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve Dennis O'Nele to return to light duty starting Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Weller, second Kucera to move into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. for the protection or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to move out of executive session at 10:17 a.m. for the protection or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Delinquent Personal Taxes: Treasurer Patricia Bolte presented the delinquent personal taxes to the board that were turned over to the Sheriff. No action required.

Uncollectable distress warrants: Treasurer Bolte presented a list of uncollectable distress warrants received from the Sheriff. No action required.



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Personal Property taxes: Treasurer Bolte offered the board three personal property taxes to be stricken from the tax roll that have been advertised for three years with distress warrants for two years for the boards approval. Moved Jefferson, second Weller to approve the personal property taxes presented to be stricken from the tax roll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Government Day: Cindie Hostler represented the Extension office by informing the board the County Government Day would be held on November 19, 2013. Hostler will email all of the offices to find out which ones will be participating that day. County Attorney Homolka said she would be willing to provide a mock trial.

Road "R" Repairs: Highway Superintendent Meyers explained there are some trees and stumps that need to be removed out of the right of way. The road is not a minimum maintenance road, but in fact a township road. No Action was taken.

Annual Equip Cost Report: Meyers presented the Annual Equipment Cost Report which contains all inventory, as well as last year's expenses/budget and this year's proposed budget. This report needs to be signed by the Chairman and Meyers will then send into the state. Moved Weller, second Jefferson to approve and have the chairman sign the annual equipment cost report as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2013-36: Meyers offered the board the Resolution 2013-36 to the board for approval. This resolution is for the closing of 22nd Road after completion of widening to at least 6 foot minimum of shoulder of 21st Road between Highway 30 & Highway 92; further conditioned upon grading and placement of gravel on R Road between 20th Road & 21st Road. Kucera moved to table signing the resolution until further review of the minutes from the hearing held on September 24, second Weller, Roll Call: All Ayes.

Brite Express Contract: Moved Kucera, second Graves to advance Brite Express contract for an additional 30 days. Roll Call: Ayes-Hahn, Jefferson, Weller, Kucera, Graves. Nays: None. Abstain: Helgoth.

Cooperative Agreement for District 5: County Attorney Homolka spoke with Janelle Seim Monday explaining she had yet to receive an interlocal agreement between the counties. No Action Taken.

Ballasts & Bulbs/Helgoth Electric: Jim Helgoth presented Helgoth Electrics bid to the board. The only two lights to be replaced that are not working are Emergency Lights, where if the electricity were to ever go off, these lights would remain on. Helgoth Electric has not found the ballasts for the emergency lights, they could replace with regular bulbs, however, it is not known if it is a requirement to maintain the emergency lights. Jim Helgoth stated he would contact the Fire Marshall to see if Emergency lighting is a requirement and in the meantime to have Helgoth Electric try to find replacement ballasts for such lighting.

October Payroll Claims: The October 2013 payroll was presented to the Board for approval: General: Gross: \$99,099.24 Net: \$71,298.64 Roads: Gross: \$45,798.27 Net: \$29,900.22 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18. Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve the October 2013 payroll claims as presented. Roll Call: Ayes, Weller, Wiegert, Hahn, Jefferson, Graves. Helgoth and Kucera approve only the claims they signed.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adjourn as Board of Supervisors at 11:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk